

BIG VALUE SHOWN IN MINERAL LANDS

Nearly Ten Million Dollars of New Assessment Is Reported.

STONE COMPLETES WORK

Assessor Says Equalization of Taxes Is Urgently Needed.

Showing an increase in assessed value of mineral lands in Virginia over last year of nearly \$9,000,000, State Mineral Land Assessor James A. Stone yesterday gave out a detailed statement of the new assessment by counties. For 1916 the valuation is \$25,065,726.55, as against \$16,211,928 for 1915.

This is Mr. Stone's first year in office, and he naturally feels proud of the results achieved. He was appointed to the position last March, following an appropriation made by the Legislature for the purpose of permitting the State Corporation Commission to employ an assessor to give his entire time to seeing that mineral property in the State was properly assessed for taxation.

He has been at work ever since his appointment. Seventy counties have been visited and sixty-six of these appear on the list as having taxable mineral lands. Only thirty-five counties had such land according to the returns of 1915.

Big Increase. In the division of work among members of the State Corporation Commission, the assessment of mineral lands was assigned and undertaken by Judge William F. Rhea. In 1915, the year prior to his appointment, the total mineral valuation in Virginia was \$7,000,000. This year it is \$25,065,726.55.

But Judge Rhea found that it was impossible, from his office in Richmond, to direct a satisfactory assessment. Some assessors did not do their whole duty and others did not understand what was wanted. So he asked the Legislature to appropriate money to employ a field agent. The result is nearly \$9,000,000 of additional taxable valuation.

No county east of Richmond appears on the list, as there is practically no mineral in that part of the State. It is understood that some operations have been recently begun in York and Nansemond, and these will be looked after next year.

Work Difficult. Not all the commissioners of the revenue came out easily with the required assessment, and Mr. Stone had a great deal of trouble in some instances. However, all books are now complete without the necessity

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for summoning any commissioner to Richmond to give a reason why he refused to comply with the demands of the assessor.

In some instances lands were found which, containing mineral, but not being worked, were assessed at the old nominal valuation. They had been held in this way for many years, to await the rise in selling prices. These are now on the books.

However, there is another interesting feature to the assessment. This is that while the face of the totals show an increase of \$8,852,726.55, the actual increase upon which taxes will be paid is nearly \$10,000,000. This is because for 1915 many erroneous assessments, which were levied by order of court. With the work done by Mr. Stone on the ground, it is not believed any erroneous assessments will be found this year.

As an illustration, the figures for Wise county show the net increase there to be \$1,624,456. There were court orders in this county relieving \$120,000 of erroneous assessments, so that the real increase for 1916 is \$1,744,456. The Wise county figures show a loss of \$12,375, but when the erroneous assessments are taken from the 1915 figures, the increase is nearly \$100,000.

The gain would be greater, but Mr. Stone directed by law to agree with the local assessors, and in order to reach an agreement the assessment in many cases is lower than it should be.

The State will realize an increase in taxes of nearly \$5,000,000 this year from this new valuation, and the counties will get perhaps \$140,000 more. Mr. Stone estimates that the average local rate in the counties in which he has made assessments is at least \$1.40 on the \$100. The gain since Judge Rhea began his work in 1915 is about \$26,000 per year to the State, and perhaps \$225,000 to the counties.

Need Equalization. Mr. Stone says: "My greatest trouble with the owners of mineral lands about increasing the assessment was the complaint of unequal taxation. They had no objection to raising assessments on their holdings, but they seriously complain about being taxed as the law directs at 'fair market value' when other classes of property are assessed at a figure very much less."

"In nearly every one of the seventy counties I visited, I heard the inquiry among assessors as to what the assessors were doing in adjoining counties. There was not so much objection to raising the assessment as there was the idea that 'my county must not pay more in proportion than your county.'"

"The present law will raise and equalize the assessment of mineral lands, and there is no argument why all classes of property should not be equalized and every one pay on the same basis. There is urgent need and a crying demand for an equalization board, which alone can accomplish this much-needed reform throughout the State."

County Assessments. Following is the new assessment by counties:

County	1915	1916
Albemarle	None	\$112,318.00
Amelia	239,367	32,950.00
Appomattox	None	8,200.00
Augusta	7,098	93,031.00
Amherst	None	17,875.00
Alexandria	None	11,222.85
Alleghany	919,205	1,342,422.00
Bath	None	720,238.50
Bland	None	113,142.22
Botetourt	491,905	626,882.00
Bedford	42,954	16,460.00
Buckingham	211,914	227,457.00
Buchanan	3,331,724	4,069,515.00
Cumberland	None	6,800.00
Chesterfield	37,975	173,270.00
Charlotte	None	10,380.00
Clarke	447,971	577,266.00
Craig	31,691	114,689.00
Campbell	None	17,780.00
Culpeper	None	16,538.00
Dinwiddie	None	40,000.00
Dickenson	2,124,724	2,806,182.50
Floyd	8,877	29,386.00
Fredricksburg	None	2,000.00
Fauquier	6,609	48,100.00
Fluvanna	None	9,942.00
Fairfax	None	8,905.00
Franklin	None	1,270.25
Goochland	None	60,745.00
Giles	None	104,425.00
Grayson	None	14,842.00
Greene	4,092	8,063.00
Henrico	29,540	32,200.00
Hallfax	28,017	163,111.00
Henry	4,390	15,349.00
Isle of Wight	None	27,420.00
Louisiana	264,565	384,720.00
Lee	724,387	8,000.00
Mecklenburg	158,514	190,015.00
Montgomery	24,450	133,103.00
Madison	None	2,400.00
Nottoway	None	5,305.00
Nelson	None	441,365.00
Powhatan	None	85,536.00
Patrick	2,600	23,712.50
Page	None	92,380.00
Pulaski	117,255	215,946.00
Prince William	13,113	34,225.00
Pittsylvania	6,180	78,505.00
Reno	28,965	58,465.00
Rockbridge	4,180	118,153.00
Rappahannock	None	1,700.00
Rockingham	None	74,202.00
Russell	340,557	736,220.00
Scott	18,119	29,457.00
Shenandoah	None	57,840.00
Stafford	None	2,800.00
Spartanburg	None	35,380.00
Smyth	450,564	610,715.00
Sussex	None	1,650,816.00
Tazewell	285,205	1,232,897.00
Washington	172,294	275,545.00
Wayne	588,920	576,545.00
Warren	1,118	24,250.00
Westmoreland	4,573,829	6,198,315.00
Totals	\$16,211,928	\$25,065,726.55

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BIG GOBS OF GLOOM SHROUD CAPITAL

"Big Bill," Pauline Wayne's Young Son, Dead, and Sorrow Reigns.

Washington, D. C., November 28.—There was no joy at the White House today. The perplexities of the tariff, the forthcoming message to Congress, the mixed condition of affairs in the Republican party, all were lost and forgotten in the gloom that overspread administration circles. "Big Bill," Pauline Wayne's aristocratic young calf is dead. The end came suddenly last night at the White House stable. Strain fever caused the blue-blooded young bovine's demise.

"Big Bill" had been promised by President Taft to "Big Bill" Price, the dean of the White House correspondents, and was soon to have been transferred to a Maryland farm, where a special stable had been made ready for his reception.

The loss of the calf caused a sensation in all circles at the capital.

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Mrs. Gibson Will Be Ordained a Deaconess.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., November 28.—Rev. R. J. McBryde, D. D., rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, has secured the services of Mrs. Henry Gibson, of the Deaconess Home in Philadelphia, to assist in the religious work in connection with St. George's Church, in this city. Bishop Gibson has approved the arrangement. Mrs. Gibson is soon to be ordained a deaconess.

O. W. Menk, of the United States Engineer's Office, at Washington, is here in connection with getting up shipping statistics on the Rappahannock River for the next annual report.

A party of High School students of this city, in charge of George D. Rowe, visited Washington Saturday. The party was composed of members of the Junior Audubon Society, and was met in Washington by Miss Catherine H. Stewart, an enthusiastic Audubon worker. Through her influence the party was permitted to see the 4,000 birds of the collection of the Roosevelt expedition from Africa. This privilege was appreciated, as the collection is not yet on exhibition.

A musical evening was given at the Baptist Church here this evening, participated in by Messrs. W. A. Watkins, G. Jeter, John Joseph F. White, Mrs. W. F. Monell and Miss Patricia V. Isaacs, all of Richmond, and W. J. Phillips and Mrs. Mary Quinn-Hicks, of this city. Mrs. Hicks was the organist and accompanist. An offering was taken for the musical department of the church.

Eustace O. Blake, of Washington, and a party of friends from that city, spent Thanksgiving week at Mr. Blake's farm in Stafford county, hunting. They bagged forty-eight birds, two of them pheasants, 100 rabbits, six opossums and two raccoons.

Cook—Winchester.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., November 28.—Miss Jessie V. Windsor and James P. Cook, both of this city, were married yesterday at the parsonage of Bethany Methodist Protestant Church by Rev. W. M. Poisel, pastor.

McCuen—Burton.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., November 28.—The marriage of Miss Nina L. Burton and J. Harry McCuen, the latter of this city, took place in Baltimore Thursday. The bride is a native of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. McCuen will reside in Washington. The groom is employed in the Treasury Department.

COL. FIELD FALLS AND FRACTURES RIGHT HIP

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Pennington, Va., November 28.—Colonel E. M. Field, the veteran commander of the old Twelfth Virginia Regiment, Mahone's Brigade, slipped and fell while walking on High Street to-night, and fractured his right hip. Colonel Field is one of the oldest and best-known citizens, and the accident is greatly regretted. He is the third ranking officer in the Virginia Division of the Army of Northern Virginia now living.

RELIGION NECESSARY

Vatican Praetor, Emperor William for Recent Speech.

Rome, November 28.—The Observatore Romano publishes comment, evidently intended for the Vatican, on the discussion in the German Reichstag of the speech made by Emperor William at Koenigsberg last week. The article points out that the debate furnished proof of the irrefutable truth contained in the Emperor's speeches both at Koenigsberg and at Berlin, that the throne and altar cannot be divided in Germany, religion being necessary in the struggle against error in modern times.

In addressing the abbot and a number of Roman Catholic dignitaries in the Benedictine monastery at Beuron, the Emperor said:

"The governments of Christian princes can only be carried on and conducted in accordance with the principles of authority and order. It is a relief to hear these principles nobly vindicated by the authoritative and august lips of a powerful sovereign."

The Vatican official said:

"The two great speeches of the German monarch were noble, just and constitutionally correct. While irreligion and demagoguery imperil the principles of authority and order, it is a relief to hear these principles nobly vindicated by the authoritative and august lips of a powerful sovereign."

BRIEF DOCUMENT

Arizona's Constitution Shortest Written in Many Years.

Phoenix, Ariz., November 28.—Arizona's Constitution will be the shortest written in recent years by any State. According to estimate, it will contain less than 10,000 words, as against 25,000 for New Mexico's Constitution, and 104,000 in that of Oklahoma.

A significant fact in connection with these figures is that the Constitution of New Mexico was written by a majority elected on a "flexible" platform, declaring for a short Constitution, while the Democratic delegates who control the Arizona convention were elected on a "flexible" platform, declaring for a long Constitution. The Democratic members point out that the convention followed the suggestion of President Taft, who, when in Arizona, held up the Oklahoma Constitution as a "flexible" example. He said Arizona should make their Constitution as brief as possible and free from legislative details.

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Washington, D. C., November 28.—With an actual population of 5,538,591 and a gain in the last ten years of almost 17 per cent, as shown by the announcement to-day of the result of the recent census, Illinois is assured continuance as the third State of the Union. Only New York and Pennsylvania outrank her, while Ohio, which occupied fourth place, falls almost 1,000,000 below.

The increase in Illinois is somewhat greater than that of any of the Middle Western States, whose population so far have been announced. The announcement for Illinois merely emphasizes the fact that the great gains are in the cities. Of the 817,041 additions to the population of that State, 484,708 were in Chicago alone. Chicago is shown to possess about two-fifths of the State population.

Forty-nine of the 102 counties of the State showed decreases in population during the past ten years, while twenty other counties showed gains of less than 2,000 during the decade. The loss in no instance exceeded 3,000. The State should gain at least four Congressmen if the proposed new apportionment law should be based as at present.

Henahue—Talbot.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., November 28.—Miss Evangeline S. Talbot and T. Harvey Henahue, both of this city, were married Saturday at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by Rev. H. M. Canter, pastor.

Death From Infantile Paralysis.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., November 28.—Another death from infantile paralysis has occurred, the latest victim being the three-year-old son of a woman in destitute circumstances, who is being cared for by the Salvation Army. There have been eight or ten cases in the city and suburbs in the past month.

Jefferson—Miller.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Amelia, Va., November 28.—Mason Jefferson and Miss Lottie Miller, both of this place, were married at 6 P. M. to-day by Rev. V. Wren.

New Parsonage Completed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., November 28.—The Rivermont Avenue Methodist Church has just completed and furnished a new parsonage, the building alone costing \$4,000.